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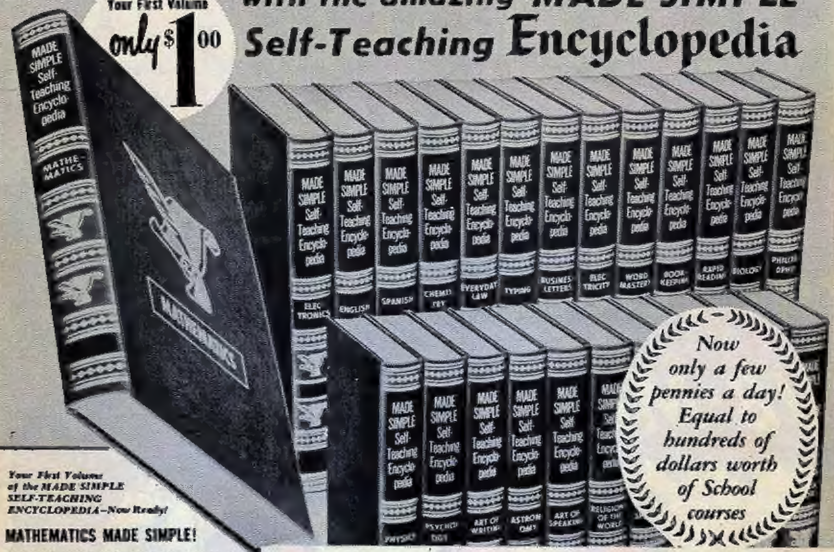

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OH, FOR GOODNESS SAKE! THAT'S ME!
REED'S THOUGHT PROJECTOR REALLY WORKS! WE CAN SEE WHAT HE'S THINKING OF!
WHATAYA KNOW?! SO HIS BRAIN AIN'T JUST A MESS OF TEST-TUBES AND SIX-SYLLABLE WORDS!

SAY, REED, THAT LOOKS LIKE FUN! HOW ABOUT LETTING ME TRY IT ?!
IT'S NOT A TOY, JOHNNY! I'M TRYING TO DEVELOP THIS DEVICE AS AN AID TO CRIME-FIGHTING!
WELL, MR. RICHARDS, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULDN'T EXPOSE YOUR THOUGHTS OF ME FOR EVERYONE TO GAPE AT!!
HOW'S ABOUT LETTIN' LOVABLE ME TRY THAT GIZMO, PAL?! JUST IN THE INTEREST OF SCIENCE, NATCH!
ALL RIGHT, BEN! I KNOW YOU WON'T BE HAPPY TILL YOU'VE HAD YOUR TURN! NOW JUST RELAX...
RELAX?!! WHO CAN RELAX INSIDE OF A NUTTY CONTRAPTION LIKE THIS?!!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHIN' DR. DOOM MIGHTA DREAMED UP AFTER EATIN' TOO MANY STALE PIZZAS!
HOLY SUFFERIN' SASSAFRASS!! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE?!
I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU, BEN! DON'T THINK OF ANY MENACES LIKE DR. DOOM! THE PROJECTOR WILL MAGNIFY THEIR REALISM AND SHOCK YOU!
I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! THAT PINEAPPLE HE TOSSED IS GONNA HIT ME!!
NO, BEN! STAY PUT! YOU'RE ONLY IMAGINING IT!! BEN... DON'T FALL BACK... YOU'LL SMASH THE HELMET!!
QUICK, REED! STRETCH YOUR BODY INTO A PILLOW SHAPE, TO CUSHION HIS FALL!
BENJAMIN, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE UP A HOBBY? SOMETHING THAT'LL KEEP YOU OUT OF HERE WHILE I'M WORKING!
YOU AND YOUR NUTTY INVENTIONS!! YOU PROBABLY RIGGED THE WHOLE THING UP TO MORTIFY SENSITIVE ME!
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IF YOU BOYS DON'T MIND, I'M LEAVING! NO GIRL WANTS TO HAVE HER THOUGHTS REVEALED!
SO GO AHEAD! BE A PARTY POOP!
BUT, SUE, I DIDN'T INTEND TO USE IT ON YOU!
THE TROUBLE WITH YOU, REED, IS YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND FEMALES! THAT CHICK IS NUTS ABOUT YOU, BUT SHE AIN'T GONNA WAIT FOREVER FOR YOU TO POP THE QUESTION!
SHE WON'T HAVE TO, BENJAMIN! I'M PLANNING A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR HER!
IN FACT, I HAD PLANNED TO GO OUT AND SHOP FOR A RING LATER TODAY!
HUH! SOME SURPRISE! SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR IT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS!
BUT, A SURPRISE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...NOT ONLY FOR SUE, BUT FOR THE ENTIRE FABULOUS FOURSOME!! FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, MANY FATHOMS BENEATH THE SWIRLING SEA, IN A HUGE UNDERWATER CASTLE, A REGAL FIGURE SILENTLY BROODS...
I CANNOT ENDURE THIS LONELINESS MUCH LONGER! A PRINCE MUST HAVE A BRIDE TO SHARE HIS THRONE!
MY PEOPLE HAVE FLED FROM ME! ONLY A FEW FAITHFUL WARRIORS REMAIN! AND, YET, IF I COULD HAVE THE SURFACE GIRL I LOVE AT MY SIDE, NOTHING ELSE WOULD MATTER!
FOR, WITH SUE STORM AS MY PRINCESS, I WOULD FIND MY PEOPLE, RESTORE THE GLORY OF MY UNDERSEA EMPIRE, AND MAKE THE REIGN OF PRINCE NAMOR THE MOST GLORIOUS IN THE HISTORY OF ATLANTIS!
THOUGH I VOWED NOT TO DO SO, I CAN RESIST NO LONGER! I MUST AGAIN BEHOLD HER LOVELY FEATURES! I MUST SEE HER ONCE MORE...
THERE SHE IS...REVEALED TO ME BY THE POWER OF MY UNDERSEA SCANNER! NOW I KNOW SHE MUST BE MINE!!

MOMENTS LATER...
HEAR MY DECISION, WARRIORS OF ATLANTIS! I PLAN TO GO TO EARTH'S SURFACE AND RETURN WITH SUE STORM AS MY INTENDED BRIDE!
NO, SIRE! YOU MUST NOT!
THE SURFACE PEOPLE ARE OUR ENEMIES! IT IS UN-THINKABLE!
BUT THE SUB-MARINER'S WILL IS LIKE IRON! HE ORDERS HIS LAST REMAINING SUBJECTS FROM HIS THRONE ROOM IN A FIT OF RAGE! AND THEN...
HE LEFT US NO CHOICE! WE MUST DESERT HIM! WE CANNOT BE LOYAL TO A MONARCH WHO WOULD BETRAY HIS ROYAL HERITAGE!
AND SO, THE MIGHTY NAMOR IS ALONE ONCE AGAIN!
THEY DID WHAT THEY FELT THEY HAD TO! NOW I CAN DO NO LESS! I MUST FOLLOW MY HEART...NO MATTER WHAT PRICE I HAVE TO PAY!
AND SO, NOT LONG AFTERWARDS...
THAT YOU, REED? WHY DIDN'TCHA USE YOUR KEY LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?
BECAUSE MY AIR-POWERED ELECTRON-GUN SERVES ME BETTER, YOU THICK-SKINNED OAF!
HEY! THAT AIN'T REED'S VOICE! IT SOUNDS LIKE... YEEEEOW!!
IT IS I, PRINCE NAMOR!! NOW PUT AWAY YOUR BODY-BUILDING TOY! NO MATTER HOW YOU TRAIN, YOU CAN NEVER HOPE TO EQUAL MY GREAT STRENGTH!
WHAM!
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YOU FISH-FACED PIN-HEAD! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS FORGED STEEL STRETCH-SPRING COST?! I'M GONNA TAKE YOU APART FOR THAT!!
SORRY, THING! I HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE INTEREST TO WASTE ON YOU! THIS SLEEP-GAS PELLET WILL SHUT A MOUTH EVEN AS BIG AS YOURS!
HEY!! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?..HOLY SMOKE! IT'S THE SUB-MARINER!
THE TORCH! GOOD! I MIGHT AS WELL PUT YOU OUT OF ACTION, TOO!
MY BODY STILL CONTAINS ENOUGH INNER MOISTURE TO RENDER YOUR MILD FIREBALLS HARMLESS TO ME!
AND BEFORE YOU CAN HURL ANY STRONGER ONES, MY VACUUM PELLET WILL DE-FLAME YOU WITH EASE!
FOR, AS YOU KNOW, FLAME CANNOT BURN IN A VACUUM! YOU SEE, I WAS PREPARED FOR EACH OF YOU!
NAMOR! ARE YOU MAD? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?? IF YOU'VE INJURED JOHNNY...!!
SUSAN! AT LAST! DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF, MY BELOVED! I HAVE INJURED NO ONE! MY ONLY OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN TO FIND YOU!!
I'M OKAY, SIS! EXCEPT I WON'T BE ABLE TO FLAME ON FOR A WHILE! BUT I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THAT CRUMB IS LOOKING AT YOU!
BE SILENT, TORCH! ONLY THE FACT THAT YOU ARE THE BROTHER OF THE ONE I LOVE HAS KEPT ME FROM MAKING YOU PAY THE PRICE FOR YOUR INSUFFERABLE INSOLENCE!
WITHIN SECONDS HE, TOO, SHALL LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS! THEN WHEN YOUR BROTHER AND THE THING AWAKEN, IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO STOP US!!
TO STOP US?? WHA.. WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NAMOR?!
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU, SUSAN! FOR YOU I HAVE GIVEN UP MY BIRTHRIGHT...I HAVE LOST AN EMPIRE... AND YET, IT WILL BE WORTH IT, IF...
NO! DON'T SAY IT, NAMOR! YOU MUSTN'T! YOU HAVEN'T THE RIGHT! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT... REED RICHARDS!?
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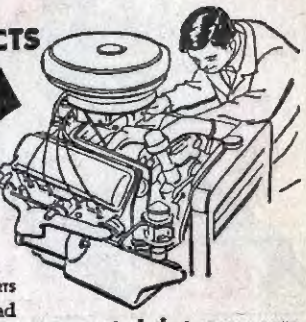

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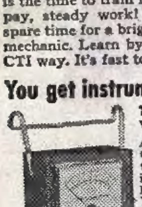

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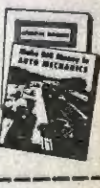

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I'VE GOT TO FIND THEM! I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR THIS! DO YOU HEAR ME?? HE'LL PAY WITH HIS LIFE!
HOLD IT, REED! YOU CAN'T TACKLE 'IM ALONE! NOT IN THE SEA... RIGHT IN HIS HOME GROUNDS!
BEN! HE WON'T LISTEN! I CAN'T HOLD HIM! HE BLEW HIS STACK!!
LOOK, REED... WE FEEL AS BAD AS YOU DO! REMEMBER, SHE'S MY SISTER! BUT WE'VE GOT TO WORK AS A TEAM! THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAID!
CLAM UP, KID! TALKIN' WON'T HELP! HE'S TOO MAD! HE DOESN'T HEAR A WORD YOU'RE YAPPIN'!
C'MON, BIG MAN! SIMMER DOWN! YOU KNOW HOW A QUIET GENT LIKE ME HATES TO SEE A GUY LOSE HIS TEMPER! LIKE MY OL' AUNT PETUNIA USED TO SAY, "IT'S SHAMEFULLY UN-DIGNIFIED!"
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
FLAME OFF, JOHNNY! IF MY MUSCLES CAN'T STOP 'IM, YOUR FLAME WON'T DO ANY GOOD! ANYWAY, HE'S SIMMERIN' DOWN NOW!
LET ME GO, BEN! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! LET GO, HEAR?
NOW, LISTEN... I'LL SAY THIS ONCE, AND ONLY ONCE! I'M GOING AFTER NAMOR... BY MYSELF! I WANT YOU TWO TO KEEP OUT OF THIS! NAMOR IS MINE! HE'S STOLEN THE ONE THING I LOVE MOST IN THE WORLD! ...NOTHING WILL SAVE HIM NOW!
BUT, REED, YOU NEVER TALKED LIKE THIS BEFORE!
CLAM UP, KID! THE BOSS-MAN SAID "BUTT OUT!" ...SO WE BUTT OUT!
WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, MR. FANTASTIC TURNS ON HIS HEEL AND ACTIVATES HIS FAMOUS RADAR-SWEEP-RAY... THE ONLY DEVICE IN EXISTENCE WHICH CAN COVER THE SURFACE OF THE ENTIRE PLANET LIKE A FINE-TOOTH COMB!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME TILL I FIND HIM! AND WHEN I DO... NO POWER IN THE UNIVERSE WILL KEEP ME FROM HIM!
BOY! IF ANY OF THOSE WISE-GUYS WHO CLAIM THAT REED DOES THE THINKIN' WHILE WE DO THE FIGHTIN' COULD SEE HIM NOW!
I DON'T LIKE IT, KID! IF HE TACKLES NAMOR WITHOUT US, ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN! WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO REACH THE SUB-MARINER FIRST!

BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY OF THAT HOCUS-POCUS STUFF OF REED'S TO HELP US FIND HIM! IF ONLY THERE WAS SOMEBODY! HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'??
YOU GAVE ME AN IDEA, BIG BUDDY, WHEN YOU MENTIONED HOCUS-POCUS!
I KNOW THE ONE PERSON WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND NAMOR.. THE ONE MAN WHO KNOWS HOCUS-POCUS! WAIT FOR ME, BEN!
WAIT FOR YOU? WHAT DID YOU THINK I'D DO...FLAP MY GRACEFUL LITTLE FLIPPERS AND GO FLOATIN' AFTER YA??
SECONDS LATER, A DRAMATIC MESSAGE WRITTEN IN LETTERS OF FIRE APPEARS IN THE SKY OVER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK
DR. STRANGE! URGENT! CONTACT HUMAN TORCH!
NOW ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS HOPE THERE REALLY IS SUCH A GUY... AND THAT HE SEES MY MESSAGE!
IF YOU, DEAR READER, ARE A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF STRANGE TALES MAGAZINE, YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A DR STRANGE! AND YOU ALSO KNOW THAT NOTHING IMPORTANT EVER ESCAPES THE NOTICE OF THE MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC AS HE SILENTLY BROODS IN HIS GREENWICH VILLAGE SANCTUARY..
A SUMMONS FROM THE HUMAN TORCH! SUCH A PERSON WOULD NOT CALL UPON ME UNLESS THE NEED WAS GREAT!
FOR MANY MONTHS I HAVE OBSERVED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FAMOUS FANTASTIC FOUR! THEY FIGHT FOR MANKIND IN THEIR WAY, AS I DO IN MINE! IF I CAN HELP THEM, I MUST NOT FAIL!
I SHALL LEAVE MY PHYSICAL BODY BEHIND, AND TRAVEL TO THE TORCH IN MY ECTOPLASMIC FORM! FOR, WHILE I AM THUS IN MY SPIRIT FORM, NO BARRIER OF TIME OR SPACE CAN STOP ME! AND NOW, BY THE POWERS OF VISHANTI, LET ME FLY TO MY GOAL!
A HELICOPTER .. LEAVING THEIR SKYSCRAPER HEADQUARTERS! CAN IT HAVE SOME BEARING ON MY MISSION!?
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LET MY ENCHANTED AMULET CAST ITS GLOW UPON THAT PLANE, AND BATHE IT IN AN ALL-REVEALING LIGHT!
IN ALL THE WORLD, THERE IS ONLY ONE AMULET SUCH AS THAT WORN BY DR. STRANGE! GIVEN TO HIM BY THE ANCIENT MASTER OF SORCERERS IN TIBET, IT IS HIS MAIN SOURCE OF MYSTICAL POWER!
THE ONE KNOWN AS MR. FANTASTIC IS PILOTING THE CRAFT!
BUT IT WAS NOT HE WHO SUMMONED ME! I MUST CONTINUE MY FLIGHT UNTIL I FIND THE YOUTHFUL HUMAN TORCH!!
I TOLD YA IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, KID! THERE AIN'T REALLY ANYONE CALLED DR. STRANGE! HE JUST... HEY!! WHAT'S THAT??!
I KNEW IT! IT'S HIM! HE GOT MY MESSAGE!!
I AM DR. STRANGE!
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW HOW YA GOT IN HERE, BUT WE HAVE A JOB FOR YA! WHAT'S YOUR PRICE, BUDDY?
MY SERVICES ARE NOT FOR SALE!
BEN! LET ME DO THE TALKING BEFORE YOU BLOW THE WHOLE BIT!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE SUB-MARINER BEFORE REED RICHARDS DOES! IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH! CAN YOU LOCATE HIM?
I HAVE MEANS OF FINDING PERSONS AT MY DISPOSAL! BUT MY POWERS MAY BE USED ONLY TO COMBAT EVIL! WHAT HAS THE PRINCE OF THE SEA DONE?
HE'S CAPTURED MY SISTER! AND HE'LL TRY TO KILL REED IF WE DON'T STOP 'IM!
LOOK, CORNBALL, IF IT'S CONVINCIN' YOU WANT, I'LL JUST...JUST... HEY! WHAT AM I TALKIN' TO... A GHOST?
I DON'T GET IT! HOW CAN YOU REACH OUT TO SOMETHIN' AND TOUCH NOTHIN'!?? MAYBE I'M LOSIN' MY GRIP...OR IS IT MY MARBLES??!
DON'T MIND BEN, DR. STRANGE! HE DOESN'T... WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
THERE IS NO NEED FOR FURTHER TALK! I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION! WITH THE HELP OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, I SHALL FIND THOSE WHOM YOU SEEK!
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SECONDS LATER, NEEDING NEITHER FOOD, LIGHT NOR AIR IN HIS ECTOPLASMIC FORM, DR. STRANGE SEARCHES THE OCEAN'S DEPTHS...
WITH THE AID OF MY AMULET'S BEAM, I CAN OBSERVE THE MEMORY IMAGES OF PASSING FISH! AT LAST... THERE IS ONE WHO HAS SEEN THE SUB-MARINER'S CASTLE! NOW MY AMULET WILL LEAD ME TO IT!
THIS IS A FAR CRY FROM BATTLING THE SINISTER, MYSTERIOUS MENACES OF THE WORLD OF BLACK MAGIC... AND YET, I HAVE SWORN TO HELP MANKIND, IN ANY WAY I CAN!
A MAGNIFICENT ORNATE CASTLE... MANY FATHOMS BENEATH THE SURFACE! BUILT BY A RACE OLDER THAN MEN... THIS SURELY MUST BE THE PALACE OF NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER!
AND WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE UNDERSEA CITADEL...
NAMOR! LET ME OUT! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE ME CONFESS I LOVE YOU BY IMPRISONING ME??
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU A CAPTIVE!! WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND??
I'VE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO PLEAD MY CAUSE WITH YOU!! NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO DATE YOU, TO BE WITH YOU, THE WAY REED RICHARDS HAS! ALL I ASK IS 24 HOURS... 24 HOURS TO TELL YOU HOW I LOVE YOU... TO ASK YOU TO BE MINE!!
BUT REED WILL FIND YOU! AND WHEN HE DOES... NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU!
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I HAVE FOUND THOSE I SEEK! BUT NOW, IN MY ECTOPLASMIC FORM, THERE IS NO MORE I CAN DO! I MUST RETURN TO THE SURFACE!
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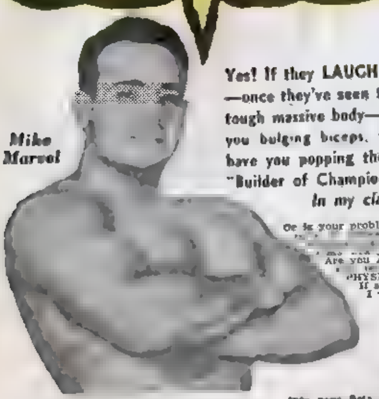

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I'M FAR FROM HELPLESS, NAMOR! AS YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN...
DON'T FORGET, MY ENTIRE BODY IS SUBJECT TO MY MENTAL CONTROL! I CAN JAB YOU AWAY BY MAKING SHARP LANCES OF MY OUTER SKIN WHILE I EASILY FREE MYSELF FROM YOUR USELESS KNOT!!
THOUGH YOUR STRENGTH IS MANY TIMES GREATER THAN MINE, YOU HAVEN'T THE BRAIN POWER TO USE IT CORRECTLY! I'LL WHITTLE IT DOWN TO NOTHING!
NO! NOT HERE! NOT IN MY OWN DOMAIN! THERE MUST BE A WAY TO BEAT YOU!
DON'T COUNT ON IT, NAMOR! WHEN YOU CAPTURED SUE... YOU WENT TOO FAR!!
I WARNED YOU!! THE SAVAGERY OF YOUR ATTACK IS WASTED ON AN ENEMY WHO CAN EASILY DODGE YOUR BLOWS!
YOU CAN'T STAY OUT OF MY REACH FOREVER! SOONER OR LATER I'LL LAND A PUNCH!! THAT'S ALL IT'LL TAKE... JUST ONE FINAL PUNCH!!

WRONG AGAIN, FISHMAN! I'M NOT MERELY TRYING TO STAY OUT OF YOUR REACH!! I WARNED YOU... I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU OFF FOREVER!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM FOLLOW ME... TO LURE HIM TO THE SURFACE!
BUT SUDDENLY, AN ANGRY BABBLE OF VOICES IS HEARD DIRECTLY AHEAD OF REED...
...AND A WELL-ARMED SQUAD OF UNDERSEA WARRIORS STANDS IN THE ARCHWAY!
LOOK, CAPTAIN! OUR SOVEREIGN BATTLES A SURFACE FOE! IT IS LUCKY WE DECIDED TO RETURN!
INDEED! WE REALIZED WE COULD NOT DESERT OUR PRINCE AND STILL BE WORTHY OF THE NAME SUB-MARINERS!!!
HALT, SURFACE-MAN! TAKE ANOTHER STEP AND YOU DIE! YOU ARE OUR PRISONER!
NEVER! THE ODDS HAVE BEEN CHANGED A LITTLE, BUT THAT'S ALL! I'LL SMASH YOUR ENTIRE EMPIRE IF I MUST ...BUT NAMOR WON'T ESCAPE ME!
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LOOK! DOC STRANGE IS BACK! HE'S COMING RIGHT THROUGH THE WALL.
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I HAVE FOUND HIM!
BUT, GUIDED BY HIS OWN BRILLIANT ELECTRONIC DEVICES, MR. FANTASTIC FOUND HIM FIRST! YOU MUST RUSH TO THE SCENE AT ONCE!
WE HEAR YA TALKIN', PAL! ONE SWALLOW OF OUR 60-MINUTES UNDERWATER BREATHIN PILLS AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T SWALLOW 'EM YET, BEN. THEY'LL BE USED UP BEFORE WE EVEN REACH REED!
BUT DR. STRANGE ABRUPTLY VANISHES, ONLY TO RETURN AGAIN, WITHIN MINUTES, IN HIS PHYSICAL FORM! AND THEN...
NOW THAT I AM IN MY MORTAL BODY, ALL THE SPELLS OF THE MYSTIC ARTS ARE MINE TO USE! I SHALL SEND YOU TO PRINCE NAMOR BY THE FASTEST WAY IMAGINABLE!
YEAH? HOW?
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IT IS GOOD THAT YOU'RE HERE! NOW I CAN DESTROY ALL OF YOU AT ONCE!
STILL MAKING THREATS, EH NAMOR?? STAY BACK, BEN! I'M GOING TO RAM THOSE MOCKING WORDS DOWN HIS THROAT! I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM WISH HE'D NEVER HEARD OF THE HUMAN RACE!! HE'S MY PIGEON... MINE ALONE!
OKAY, TALL MAN! BUT HOW'S ABOUT GIVIN' ME SLOPPY SECONDS?!
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YOUR BLIND FURY MADE YOU FORGET HOW FAST I CAN MOVE!! AND NOW, BEFORE YOU CAN MARSHAL YOUR NEXT ATTACK, YOU'LL FEEL THE AWESOME POWER OF NAMOR THE FIRST, PRINCE OF ATLANTIS!!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MOVE QUICKLY! AND A MAN DOESN'T NEED ROYAL BLOOD IN ORDER TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN!!
SO LONG AS YOU LIVE MANKIND WILL BE IN DANGER! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT NAMOR THE FIRST BECOMES NAMOR THE LAST!!
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MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNDERSEA THRONE ROOM...
GET GOIN', JOHNNY BOY! I'LL FIND A COZY LITTLE PLAYPEN FOR THESE FUN-LOVIN' KIDS WHILE YOU SEE WHERE SUE IS!!
WILL DO, PARTNER! I'VE GOT A HUNCH SHE MUST BE NEARBY SOMEWHERE! AND IF SHE ISN'T, EVEN REED WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP ME FROM TACKLIN' NAMOR!
BUT, THE TORCH'S HUNCH PROVES CORRECT! FOR, AS HE ROUNDS A CORNER...
IF ONLY MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO PUSH THIS SHATTER-PROOF GLASS BEYOND ITS BREAKING POINT!
SUE! IT'S ME, JOHNNY! DON'T WORRY, SIS... YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW!
STAY BACK! THE GLASS ISN'T MADE THAT CAN RESIST MY NEAR-NOVA FLAME BLAST!
YOU DID IT, JOHNNY! I'M FREE!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT REED... AND NAMOR?? THEY WERE FIGHTING SO DESPERATELY!! ARE THEY...?!
THEY WERE OKAY WHEN I LEFT 'EM, SIS! BUT, I NEVER SAW REED SO MAD BEFORE! HE WAS A TIGER!!
BUT, UNKNOWN TO JOHNNY OR SUE, THEIR EVERY MOVE IS BEING MONITORED BY TWO OF NAMOR'S LOYAL OFFICERS WHO ESCAPED TO THE OBSERVATION CONTROL ROOM BEFORE THE THING COULD ROUND THEM UP!
PULL THE LEVER! LET THE SEA WATER FLOOD CHAMBER SIX... NOW!
JOHNNY!! THE SEA IS RUSHING IN... WE'LL BE DROWNED!
NO WE WON'T! REMEMBER HOW REED ALWAYS TAUGHT US NOT TO PANIC? WE'VE GOTTEN OUT OF WORSE JAMS!
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YOU'RE RIGHT, LITTLE BROTHER! IN A PINCH YOU'RE NOT THE CARELESS, HOT-HEADED JUVENILE I USED TO THINK YOU WERE! HERE, I'LL HOLD THE WATER BACK WITH AN INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD FOR AS LONG AS I CAN!
ATTAGIRL, SIS! NOW I'LL TRY SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE... BUT WITH LUCK IT'LL PULL US OUTTA THIS!
NAMOR NEVER BOTHERED TO MAKE THE PASSAGES OF HIS CASTLE FLAMEPROOF... SO, I'LL APPLY INTENSE HEAT TO THE SURROUNDING WALLS AND FUSE THEM...
THERE! LOOK HOW THEY'RE MELTING... COMING TOGETHER... FORMING A MOLTEN BARRIER TO THE WATER!
IT WORKED! HOW LUCKY FOR US THAT THEY ONLY THOUGHT TO FLOOD ONE CHAMBER!!
YEAH! BUT NOW LET'S MOVE BEFORE THEY THROW SOMETHING ELSE AT US!
JOHNNY... LOOK! THAT DEVICE... FLYING AFTER US!! WH-WHAT IS IT??
IT'S NOT HARD TO GUESS! LOOK AT THE LENS IN FRONT! IT'S A REMOTE-CONTROLLED SPY CAMERA! THAT'S HOW NAMOR'S MEN ARE KEEPING TRACK OF US!
WELL, THEY'RE NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO SEE MUCH MORE... NOT WITH A MELTED-DOWN VIEW FINDER!
THAT SUDDEN BLINDING BURST OF LIGHT! MY EYES... I CAN'T SEE!
THE FIERY ONE OUTSMARTED US! HE HAS DESTROYED OUR LENS AND TEMPORARILY BLINDED US BY THE GLARE!
OH, JOHNNY! I PRAY THAT NO HARM HAS COME TO REED... OR TO NAMOR!
IT BEATS ME HOW YOU CAN MENTION THAT FISH HEAD IN THE SAME BREATH WITH REED, SIS! HE'S THE ONE WHO CAUSED ALL TH-- WAIT!! LOOK AHEAD OF US...!!

AND, THE SIGHT WHICH GREETS THE EYES OF JOHNNY AND SUE STORM IS TRULY ONE TO MAKE ANY BEHOLDER STOP, AND MARVEL ...
YOU JUST ENJOY YOURSELF, REEDY BOY!! I'LL KEEP JUGGLIN' THESE CLOWNS UNTIL YOU PUT SUBBY UNDER WRAPS!
YOU MADE ONE FATAL MISTAKE, RICHARDS! YOU ALLOWED ME TO GET WITHIN REACH! AND NOW... YOU'LL PAY FOR IT...
...WITH YOUR LIFE!
WHAAAM!
THEN, SUDDENLY... UNEXPECTEDLY... ALL GROWS QUIET IN THE GREAT CHAMBER ...
IT IS DONE! I SALUTE HIS COURAGE... AND HIS SKILL...
...BUT HOW COULD ANY MERE HUMAN HOPE TO MATCH HIS MORTAL POWER AGAINST THAT OF NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER!?
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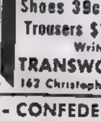

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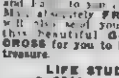

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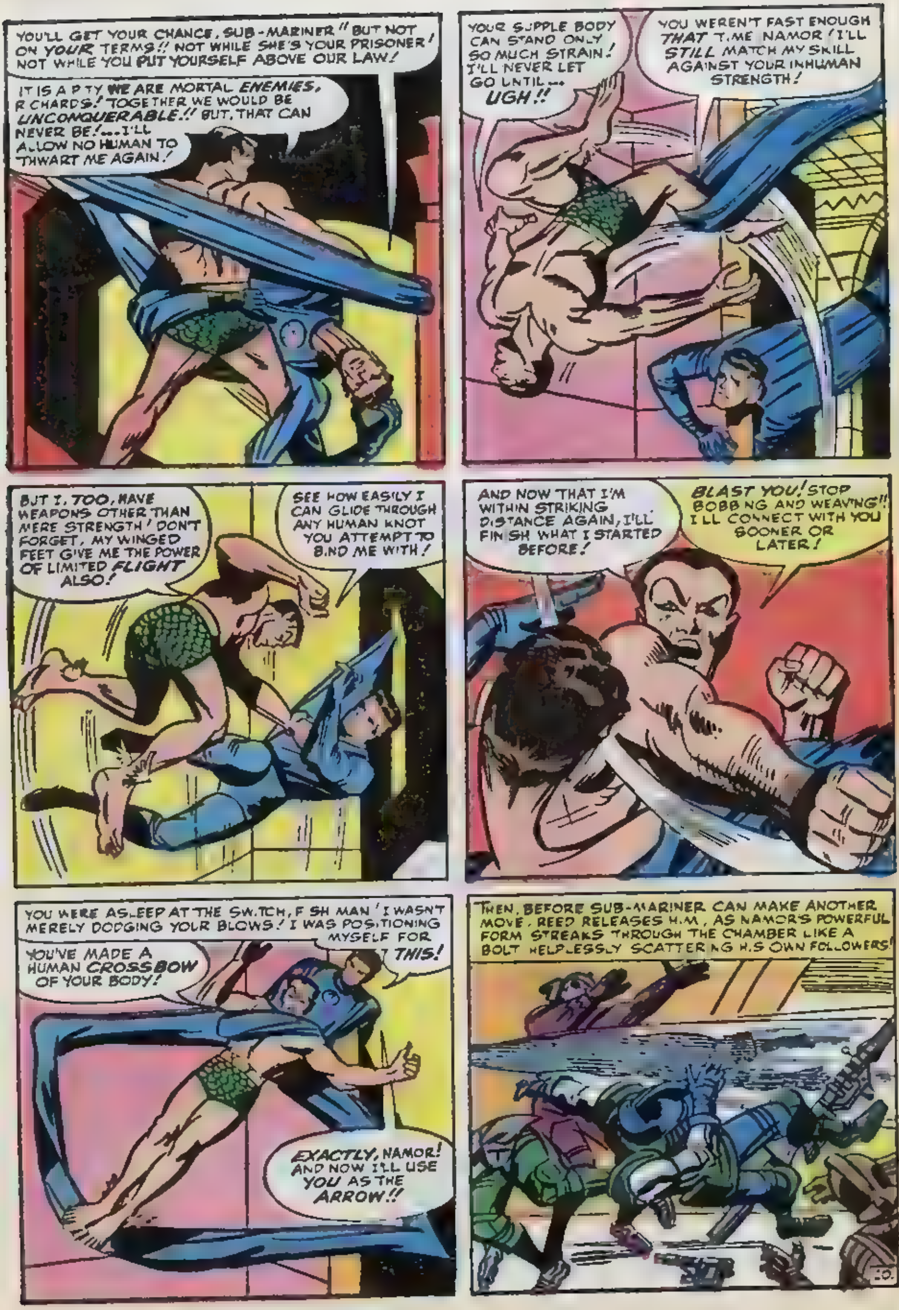
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YOUR SUPPLE BODY CAN STAND ONLY SO MUCH STRAIN! I'LL NEVER LET GO UNTIL... UGH!!
YOU WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH THAT TIME, NAMOR! I'LL STILL MATCH MY SKILL AGAINST YOUR INHUMAN STRENGTH!
BUT I, TOO, HAVE WEAPONS OTHER THAN MERE STRENGTH! DON'T FORGET, MY WINGED FEET GIVE ME THE POWER OF LIMITED FLIGHT ALSO!
SEE HOW EASILY I CAN GLIDE THROUGH ANY HUMAN KNOT YOU ATTEMPT TO BIND ME WITH!
AND NOW THAT I'M WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE AGAIN, I'LL FINISH WHAT I STARTED BEFORE!
BLAST YOU! STOP BOBBING AND WEAVING!! I'LL CONNECT WITH YOU SOONER OR LATER!
YOU WERE ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH, FISH MAN! I WASN'T MERELY DODGING YOUR BLOWS! I WAS POSITIONING MYSELF FOR THIS!
YOU'VE MADE A HUMAN CROSSBOW OF YOUR BODY!
EXACTLY, NAMOR! AND NOW I'LL USE YOU AS THE ARROW!!
THEN, BEFORE SUB-MARINER CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, REED RELEASES HIM, AS NAMOR'S POWERFUL FORM STREAKS THROUGH THE CHAMBER LIKE A BOLT, HELPLESSLY SCATTERING HIS OWN FOLLOWERS!
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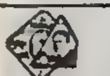

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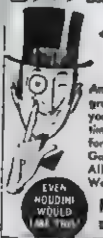

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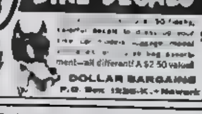

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I DIDN'T WANT IT TO END THIS WAY! I DESIRED NO BLOODSHED! BUT THEY'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE. THEY'VE ONLY THEMSELVES TO BLAME!
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EVEN YOUR STRENGTH WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM THE IMPACT OF OUR UNDERSEA BLAST GUN, THING! YOU ARE BOTH DOOMED!
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I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YA, REED! YOU JUST SPOKE FOR ME!

THEN THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO SAY. I REGRET WHAT I NOW MUST DO!
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OUTTA THE WAY, REED! I'LL TAKE THE FIRST BLAST! YOU STRIKE BACK AT 'EM!
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I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT I'LL FINISH THE FIGHT WITH MY OWN TWO FISTS! WE CAN'T STOP NOW!
SUMMONING EVERY BIT OF THE SUPER-HUMAN POWER HE POSSESSES, THE PRINCE OF ATLANTIS THUNDERS TOWARDS THE SURFACEMEN... BUT, BEFORE CONTACT CAN BE MADE...
SOMETHING IS BETWEEN US!! A SHIELD WHICH I CANNOT PENETRATE!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE GUESSED, NAMOR! ONLY MY INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD COULD HAVE SAVED THEM!
I'LL BETCHA THOUGHT WE FORGOT ABOUT YOU!
SO! THE TORCH FREED YOU! WELL, PERHAPS IT IS ALL FOR THE BEST!
RICHARDS IS LUCKY THAT YOU STILL FELT ENOUGH LOYALTY TO HIM TO INTERFERE WITH MY VENGEANCE!!
NO NAMOR... NOT LOYALTY...! MY FEELING WAS... LOVE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?? YOU CAN'T LOVE HIM!! I'VE CLAIMED YOU FOR MYSELF! YOU MUST BE MINE!
THE ONE THING AN IMPERIAL COMMAND CANNOT AFFECT IS... A GIRL'S HEART!
I'M SORRY, NAMOR! SORRY IF YOU MISUNDERSTOOD THE SYMPATHY I FELT FOR YOU... YES, EVEN THE AFFECTION I FELT... SORRY IF YOU THOUGHT IT WAS LOVE. BUT I REALIZE NOW... REED IS THE ONLY MAN FOR ME... NOTHING CAN EVER CHANGE THAT!
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MEANWHILE, AN OCEAN AWAY, TWO PIERCING UNBLINKING EYES FOLLOW EVERY ACTION IN THE DRAMATIC UNDERSEA TABLEAU...
THE SEA PRINCE HAS NEVER BEEN SCORNED BEFORE! HIS RAGE IS MOUNTING! HE IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING!
THERE IS YET TIME FOR ME TO PREVENT A TRAGEDY! I MUST ACT IMMEDIATELY! I MUST SEPARATE THEM ONCE AGAIN!
AND THEN, AS DR. STRANGE UTTERS THE WORDS OF AN AGELESS INCANTATION...
NOW WHAT?? WE'RE STARTIN' TO FADE AWAY!!
HOW CAN NAMOR DO IT??
THIS ISN'T HIS DOING, JOHNNY!
SEIZE THEM!! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE ME!!
TOO LATE, HIGHNESS!
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BY THE TIME NAMOR GETS HIS BEARINGS, THE FANTASTIC FOUR WILL BE SAFELY ON THEIR WAY TO THE SURFACE WORLD!
HOLY COW!! WE'RE INSIDE OF REED'S SUB...HEADIN' FOR HOME AGAIN! AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO PASTE ONE ON OLD FISHFACE!
DR. STRANGE MUST HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS WITH ONE OF THOSE ANCIENT SPELLS OF HIS! HE'S A MIGHTY HANDY GENT TO HAVE IN YOUR CORNER!
SUE, DARLING, ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID BACK IN NAMOR'S PALACE...
PLEASE, REED! I-I'D PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS IT NOW! I'M STILL SO SHAKEN!
HEY! YOU DIDN'T JUST SAY WHAT YOU DID IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY MORE FIGHTING, DID YOU?
NO! DON'T ANSWER THAT SUE! I THINK I'D RATHER NOT KNOW YOUR ANSWER!
OH, REED, YOU BLIND FOOL! OF COURSE IT'S YOU I LOVE!! BUT HOW CAN I EVER CONVINCE YOU? YOU'LL ALWAYS SUSPECT I MAY HAVE JUST BEEN TRYING TO PROTECT YOU...OR NAMOR!
AND SO WE LEAVE THE FABULOUS FANTASTIC FOUR AS ITS SILENT LEADER HEADS FOR HOME... HIS SURE HANDS AND STEADY EYES GIVING NO CLUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY AND ANGUISH THAT FILL HIS HEART!
PERSONAL NOTE: THE EDITORS WISH TO THANK YOU, OUR READERS, FOR MAKING THE FANTASTIC FOUR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MAGAZINE OF THE MARVEL AGE OF COMICS! YOUR LOYALTY HAS BEEN A GREAT INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US AT THE MARVEL BULLPEN!
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Dear Stan and Jack,

I just can't hold off writing to you any longer. I am 31 years old. You have brought back to comics the color, the excitement, and the realism of the '40's. I never would have believed that any comic company could have come out with comics like the old days, without the blood and guts, and still be as good and even better. (Much better stories). Jack Kirby, the "Action King" as someone else so well put it, is at his best. And Steve Ditko's art work on Spider-Man is beautiful. Your covers have the same color and action that you at Marvel have always been noted for. Please keep your Letters Pages, and your ads of your other comics. Another thing about you folks at Marvel—when fans ask for something, you do your doggonest to fulfill their requests.

Rick Durell, 424 W. Imperial Ave.
El Segundo, Calif

Well . . . it depends what they ask for, Rick!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Why are all the super-heroes in the world living in America? All comics are monotonous in this respect. Don't you take recognition of your three westerns? Are you ashamed of them? You shouldn't be. Over here we also get a great British edition of Kid Colt! Tales to Astonish #49—terrific is the only word I can think of to describe it. I dig Pym's new uniform, but does this mean he's given up his ants and microworlds? (Nope! . . . Ed.) The Wasp is very good, not like the unreasonable carbon copies I see elsewhere! X-Men #1 was fabulous, but Cyclops and the Angel have terrible names. How come no letters page in Sgt. Fury? It's the best. Don't drop your ads of other mags from your comics—they're good. Dr. Doom is your best villain—don't get rid of him. Sub-Mariner should become a hero as should Dr. Octopus. Don't give away art for good letters. You don't have to—you get good letters anyway!

G. Forman, 28 Orvill Road
Somerford, Christchurch
Hampshire, England

We get bad ones too, G.F. — but we don't talk about those!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I must comment on your Letters Page and Special Announcements Section. It's just like having a good conversation with a good friend after a good movie!

Chuck Johnson, 14 Skinner Rd
Rockville, Conn.

And, better than most friends, Chuck, you can shut us up anytime by just turning the page!

Dear Stan and Jack,

As you can see by my address I am a member of the Armed Services. I would like to thank you for making comics such as yours that take the tension out of men on board ships. We are grown men but we enjoy your mags as our missions take us far away from our loved ones. We read them and pass them to the next sailor so he can read and enjoy them too. I would like to subscribe to your comics.

Gary W. Williams, SN
USS Courtney (DE-1021)
c/o Fleet Post Office,
New York, New York

We're honored, Gary! Sorry, but you can't subscribe to the F.F.! We're going to send it to you free, sailor — compliments of the Marvel gang!

Dear Stan and Jack,

For a while there you guys were putting out the best comics on the market in the F.F., but it looks as though you might ruin it. You're starting to center your mags around humor instead of around action, and that isn't what made the F.F. famous. Humor is okay but when you start overdoing it, it cheapens the mag. You've got a good thing going—don't kill it!

David Catena, 2601 Cambria Ave.
Windber, Pa.

If a few laughs can kill the ol' F.F., Davey boy, we might as well give up right now! But what do the rest of you Merry Marvel Men think?

Dear Stan and Jack,

I just couldn't hold out any longer! I love your mags so much that I just had to write. Hats off to Stan who is, in my opinion, the greatest writer in comics today. How he manages to get all these clever wisecracks into every issue he produces is beyond me. You sure you don't have Red Skelton's writer working for you, Stan? FF #24 was an off-beat issue this time, but a darn good one. The cover was pretty good and I liked the color scheme. As far as the plot goes, our boy Stan has come up with another winner—what else? It was a good chance-of-pace yarn with a rather odd "Villain." It's good to get away from power-crazed crackpots like Doc Doom. Artwise, George Bell didn't do too bad this time; in fact, it almost looked good! "The Infant Terrible"—like you said—"strange title for a comic magazine story." Before I leave you, I have to congratulate you on those witty little "remarks" you sometimes insert inside the boxes with the names of the artists, writer, and letterer. These are the things that have made MARVEL what it is today.

Gregory Suriano, 671 Highland Ave.
Newark 4, N.J.

Don't keep us in suspense, Greg—what IS Marvel today??

Dear Stan and Jack,

The other day I picked up issue #24 of the F.F. and all I can say is "WOW!" Original plots, uninhibited action, characters who think of something besides saving the world 24 hours a day and who frequently kid each other add up to more fun than I have ever had reading a comic magazine. The only criticism I have is that your artwork needs a bit more improvement to match some of the other mags in the field. Even so, yours is the greatest! Most people would be amazed at how many boys enjoy your magazines at prep schools such as the one I attend.

Yorke Corbin, Taft School
Watertown, Conn.

Shucks, Yorke — everybody ENJOYS them! The question is — how many BUY them??!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Of course the F.F. is the greatest, but I must tell you how much I enjoyed issue #116 of STRANGE TALES in which the Human Torch battled the Thing, and also the return of the villain who's got more lives than a cat—the Puppet Master! Keep putting out your comic mags as great as they are!

Eddie Lefkoski, Jr.,
98 Rear Cleveland St.
Hudson, Pa.

Not us, Ed! We're gonna make them GREATER!

Dear Stan and Jack,

FANTASTIC FOUR, GIANT-MAN, THOR, SPIDER-MAN, THE AVENGERS, THE X-MEN: The above titles, I believe, are members of the most unique comics group ever to hit comicdom. The Marvel Comics Group is really miraculous. Never before has there been such a large number of consistently good comics published by the same group. Each issue of each of Marvel's gems are exciting, vividly written, realistically approached, and above all, original. This is no idle praise. For example, take the recent issues of F.F., Giant-Man, and the Avengers. The Hate Monger (#21) was superb. The quality of the writing, the plot construction, the artwork—these all contributed to make a stunning story. And the surprise ending

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left me with my mouth agape. Truly a stroke of genius. Of course the characters remained their unequalled best. The latest ish of Giant-Man was superb. With the creation of the Black Knight you have concocted the most original super villain in Marvel's history. Those scenes in which the battle in the air was raging were some of the most exciting I've seen. Hats off to Dick Ayers! Thor, though, is my personal favorite. Those Tales of Asgard are terrific. And the idea of using a mythological god as a super-hero is one of the best concepts ever conceived. Sgt. Fury is terrific. Having never before cared for war comics, I was delighted to find that Marvel treated men in war as a group of real down to earth Joes. This is realism and you are to be praised. Iron Man has terrific potential. Have him fight the Communists once in a while like you have been doing. This takes one back to the early '50's when the patriotism in comics ran high. It makes for good, topical reading. I sincerely hope that all this continuous praise will not go to your heads, but will add incentive to the staff at Marvel and spur them on to continuing the tremendous job in plot, story, artwork, and all the other accoutrements that belong to the Marvel Age of Comics.

Jim Broecker, 5336 N. Lawndale
Chicago 18, Ill.

Tsk tsk! How can praise go to our heads, Jimmy? Everyone knows what modest, shrinking violets we are!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Here are my comments on your mags. FANTASTIC FOUR: Your best magazine except possibly for the Avengers. The way you handle your villains and the way you handle the personalities of the F.F. are certainly strokes of genius. Every issue is bound to be a collector's item. TALES OF SUSPENSE: At first I thought Iron Man's new uniform made him look like a toy doll, but now that I am getting used to it, I like it. SGT. FURY: Echhh! This is about as realistic as a bowl of corn flakes getting up and walking away. While they are yelling "Wah-hooo," they are being picked off one by one. JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY: I notice you have been giving more attention to this excellent mag lately. Keep up the good work and it will become another F.F.! THE X-MEN: Good! Let's have more of Magneto. THE AVENGERS: Excellent! Let's have Hulk go back to them. Above all, I think that you people at Marvel have wonderful morals and are a tribute to the United States and the free world. I also think that you are very conceited!

Jim Grondin, 536 General Mts. Rd.
Milford, Mich.

Jim, we can't understand why people seem to think that we talented Marvel geniuses are conceited!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

We've got a lot of news coming up for you frantic F.F. fans, so let's not waste a minute—

First of all, the F.F. are guest-starring in DAREDEVIL #2 (on sale the beginning of April) so we know you won't want to miss it. You won't see too much of them, but the first couple of pages, starring bashful Benjamin, are almost worth the price of the mag by themselves! And speaking of Marvel's newest super-hero, the exciting second issue of DAREDEVIL is drawn by Joe Orlando, whose great art work you've seen in MAD and other fine mags. Bill Everett, who drew the first ish, is unable to continue due to the fact that he also works as an executive in New England and just doesn't have enough time to devote to DD—although we hope to present more of Bill's fine art work sometime in the future. By the way, DAREDEVIL #2 features one of Spider-Man's most colorful villains, the electrifying Electro—so don't miss it!

All of us here at Marvel are truly thrilled at SPIDER-MAN'S phenomenal success! Each issue seems to get more praise than the one before it, and the reader mail is already beginning to equal that of the FF! In ish #13, now on sale, Spidey tangles with a foe named Mysterio, and we think you'll find it mildly sensational!

Have you noticed the two-part stories we occasionally run in IRON MAN and THOR and some of our other mags? Even the FF continued the THING-HULK battle thru issues #25 and #26. So far your mail has been evenly divided about continued stories. Some of you think they're great, while others hate to wait a full month for the concluding ish. As for us, we keep trying to bring you truly spectacular plots, and some just can't be squeezed into one single issue, no matter how we try—we haven't the heart to leave out loads of action just to shorten the tale. Besides, a month doesn't seem too long to wait—especially when there are lots of other Marvel mags for you to read in the meantime! (Hint!) So, we'll probably continue the two-parters from time to time, unless the "we hate it" mail begins to really outnumber the "so go ahead, what do we care?" mail!

The Brotherhood of Evil Mutants made a tremendous hit in X-MEN #4, so they're back again in X-MEN #5, now on sale! Judging by the mail so far, Magneto and his evil band are hot on the heels of ol' Doc Doom in the fight for first place on your "love those villains" list!

As for the AVENGERS, they haven't much to offer in ish #5 (also on sale now) except THE MIGHTY THOR, IRON MAN, CAPTAIN AMERICA, THE HULK, GIANT MAN, THE WASP, and the inhuman LAVA MEN whose "living stone" threatens to destroy the entire earth!! Except for that, it's just another magazine—and if you miss it, you may never forgive yourself!

Now, for all you Fury-fans, SGT. FURY and his howlers have another off-beat movie-length thriller for you in ish #7, waiting at your newsstand now. The title alone is enough to prove that Marvel mags are truly different—it's "The Court-Martial of Sgt. Fury," and has some terrific surprise scenes of Nick Fury's childhood and civilian days. We've received countless letters from fans who write "I usually don't like war stories, but I'm nuts about Fury!" Maybe we should call it "The War Mag For People Who Hate War Mags!"

Okay, okay—for those of you who complain that we never mention our Western mags (whatever THEY are) here's a mention—if you're the type who cares, RAWHIDE KID #40 features ol' Rawhide and The Two-Gun Kid together in a fast-moving yarn! And KID COLT, OUTLAW is cleaning up the whole West practically single-handed! If you wanna see how it's done, go get 'im! Satisfied, hombres?

We haven't time to mention THOR, IRON MAN, STRANGE TALES (Starring the TORCH and DR. STRANGE) or ASTONISH (starring GIANT-MAN). But be sure to buy 'em anyhow! They're all produced by us merry Marvel madmen, and by now you know what THAT means!

But THIS we've got to tell you—we really knocked ourselves out with the next ish of FF! It's so jammed with sensational stars and villains that they're creeping in thru the woodwork! What's it about?? Well — how's this for a sample—? It presents the now-famous X-MEN — battling the F.F.!! But, that's not all! You'll also see the original laughing boy — THE PUPPET MASTER! And remember THE MAD THINKER? And THE AWESOME ANDROID? Well, they're in it too!! Yessir! When we say you're smack dab in the middle of The Marvel Age of Comics, we're not just whistlin' Dixie! That's FANTASTIC FOUR #28 — get it! And so, it's time to put away our water-guns and test-tubes till next ish — — till then, happy readin' and pleasant dreams!!

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Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

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